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**Social development, including questions relating to
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Preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2001/6 of 24 July 2001, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Preparation for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family". The text of the draft resolution is reproduced below.

Preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 47/237 of 20 September 1993, 50/142 of 21 December 1995, 52/81 of 12 December 1997 and 54/124 of 17 December 1999 concerning the proclamation, preparations for and observance of the International Year of the Family,

Recognizing that the preparation for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family provides a useful opportunity for drawing further attention to the objectives of the Year for increasing cooperation at all levels on family issues and for undertaking concerted actions to strengthen family-centred policies and programmes as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development,

Recognizing that the follow-up to the International Year of the Family is an integral part of the agenda and of the multi-year programme of work of the Commission for Social Development until 2004,



Noting the active role of the United Nations in enhancing international cooperation in family-related issues, particularly in the area of research and information,

Emphasizing that it is necessary to intensify and improve coordination of the activities of the United Nations system on family-related issues so as to contribute fully to the effective preparation for and celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of the Family and the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and the recommendations contained therein;¹

2. *Urges* Governments to view 2004 as a target year by which concrete achievements should be made to identify and elaborate issues of direct concern to families and also to set up and strengthen, where appropriate, mechanisms to plan and coordinate activities of governmental bodies and non-governmental organizations;

3. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to continue to review annually the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family as part of its agenda and of its multi-year programme of work until 2004;

4. *Invites* Member States to consider organizing activities in preparation for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at the national level;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council on the preparation for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at all levels.

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Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit
for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth
special session of the General Assembly

United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2001/8, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing

"The General Assembly,

"Noting the importance of the participation of developing and least developed countries in the preparatory process and in the Second World Assembly on Ageing itself,

"Recalling its resolution 54/262 of 25 May 2000, in which it encouraged Member States and other actors to, inter alia, provide voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing in support of preparatory activities of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, including the participation of least developed countries,

"1. Urges all Member States and other actors to contribute generously to the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing, to support preparatory activities for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, in particular to facilitate the fullest participation of least developed countries, and to support public information activities to promote the Second World Assembly and its outcome;

"2. Also urges all States and public and private organizations to contribute to the Trust Fund to support public information activities to promote the Second World Assembly and its outcomes."





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Crime prevention and criminal justice

Role, function, periodicity and duration of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2001/9, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Role, function, periodicity and duration of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling that, in its resolution 53/110 of 9 December 1998, it requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to review the role, function, periodicity and duration of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, including the issue of regional preparatory meetings for the congresses,

"Taking note with appreciation of the results of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held in Vienna from 10 to 17 April 2000,¹

"Bearing in mind that the congresses are a consultative body of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in accordance with paragraph 29 of the statement of principles and programme of action of the Programme, annexed to General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991,

¹ See *Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Vienna, 10-17 April 2000: report prepared by the Secretariat* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.00.IV.8).



"Recognizing the significant contributions of the congresses to the promotion and strengthening of international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice,

"Recognizing also that the congresses have been a forum for promoting the exchange of experiences in research, law and policy development and the identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice between States, intergovernmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines,

"Recognizing further the role played by the congresses in preparing suggestions, for consideration by the Commission, on possible subjects for its programme of work,

"Aware of the need to review the functioning and method of work of the congresses in order to improve their effectiveness,

"Noting with appreciation the offers made by the Governments of Mexico and Thailand to host the next congress,

"1. Decides to continue holding the United Nations congresses in accordance with paragraphs 29 and 30 of the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme,² following a dynamic, interactive and cost-effective method of work and a focused programme of work, and to call them the United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice;

"2. Also decides that, beginning in 2005, the congresses, pursuant to paragraphs 29 and 30 of the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, shall be held in accordance with the following guidelines:

(a) Each congress shall discuss specific topics, including, where appropriate, a main topic, all to be determined by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

(b) Each congress shall include one session of pre-congress consultations;

(c) Each congress shall include a high-level segment in which States will be represented at the highest possible level and will be given an opportunity to make statements on the topics of the congress;

(d) As part of the high-level segment, the heads of delegations or their representatives shall participate in a number of thematic interactive round tables, in order to further the discussion on the topics of the congress through open dialogue;

(e) Panels of experts, to be selected by the Commission with due regard for the principle of equitable geographical distribution, shall hold workshops dealing with the topics of the congress, maintaining an open dialogue with the participants and avoiding the reading of statements;

² Resolution 46/152, annex.

(f) Institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network shall be invited to assist in the preparations for the workshops;

(g) The Secretary-General shall facilitate, within existing resources, the organization of ancillary meetings of non-governmental organizations and professional organizations at each congress;

(h) Each congress shall adopt a single declaration containing recommendations derived from the deliberations of the high-level segment, the round tables and the workshops, to be submitted to the Commission for its consideration;

(i) Any action suggested to the Commission regarding its programme of work, contained in the declaration of the congress, shall be undertaken through individual resolutions of the Commission;

(j) The Commission, as the preparatory body for the congress, shall request the Secretary-General to prepare only those background documents which are absolutely necessary for implementing the programme of work of the congress;

(k) Each congress shall be preceded by regional preparatory meetings, when necessary, and the costs of the regional preparatory meetings for each congress shall be streamlined by holding them in conjunction with other regional meetings, shortening their duration and limiting the preparation of background documents;

"3. *Requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to continue to act as the preparatory body for the congresses and to follow the guidelines contained in paragraph 2 above in organizing future congresses;

"4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue providing the staff required to serve as secretariat for the congresses and the regional preparatory meetings for the congresses;

"5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat with the necessary resources, within the overall appropriations of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, for the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and to ensure that adequate resources are provided in the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 to support the holding of the Eleventh Congress;

"6. *Requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to formulate, at its eleventh session, recommendations regarding the Eleventh Congress, including recommendations on the main topic, the organization of round tables and workshops to be held by panels of experts and the venue and duration of the Eleventh Congress, and to submit those recommendations, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

"7. *Also requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to formulate, at its eleventh session, appropriate recommendations to

enable the Economic and Social Council to introduce the necessary amendments to the rules of procedure for the congresses to reflect the guidelines contained in paragraph 2 above;

"8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the proper follow-up to the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its eleventh session."



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Crime prevention and criminal justice

Action against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the adopted protocols thereto

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2001/10, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Action against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the adopted protocols thereto

"The General Assembly,

"Deeply concerned at the impact of transnational organized crime on the political, social and economic stability and development of societies,

"Bearing in mind that the fight against transnational organized crime is a common and shared responsibility of the international community, necessitating cooperation at the bilateral and multilateral levels,

"Reaffirming its support of and commitment to the goals of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, in particular, the objectives set forth in the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century,¹

"Recalling its resolution 55/25 of 15 November 2000, in which it adopted the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the

¹ Resolution 55/59, annex.



protocols thereto and urged all States and regional economic organizations to sign and ratify those international legal instruments,

"Noting with appreciation the initiative of those States which have pledged financial contributions to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund in order to enable developing countries and countries with economies in transition to initiate measures to implement the Convention and the protocols thereto,

"1. Welcomes the signing of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols thereto;

"2. Expresses its appreciation for the offers of a number of Governments to host regional conferences at the ministerial level and for the financial contributions of a number of States for the purpose of holding pre-ratification seminars on facilitating the entry into force of the Convention and the adopted protocols thereto and their future implementation;

"3. Encourages Member States to make adequate voluntary contributions to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund for the provision to developing countries and countries with economies in transition of the technical assistance that they might require for implementation of the Convention and the protocols thereto, including for the preparatory measures needed for that implementation, taking into account article 30 of the Convention;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat with the resources necessary to enable it to promote, in an effective manner, the entry into force and implementation of the Convention and the protocols thereto, inter alia, through the provision of assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition for building capacity in the areas covered by the Convention and the adopted protocols thereto;

"5. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its eleventh session."



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**Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons:
Second World Assembly on Ageing**

Islamic Republic of Iran:* draft resolution

**Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second
World Assembly on Ageing**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/24 of 10 November 1999 and its resolution 54/262 of 25 May 2000, by which it decided to convene the Second World Assembly on Ageing, to be held in Spain in April 2002, as well as its resolution 55/58 of 4 December 2000 on the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Bearing in mind that, in its resolution 54/262, the General Assembly decided that the Commission for Social Development would serve as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Reiterating that the Second World Assembly on Ageing should give particular attention, inter alia, to linkages between ageing and development, with particular attention to the needs, priorities and perspectives of developing countries,

Reaffirming the necessity of ensuring that the Second World Assembly on Ageing will provide an action-oriented follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons, and recognizing the importance of an adequate preparatory process,

Affirming that the long-term strategy and plan of action to be adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing should have a clear time period in order to ensure that it is realistic and relevant, and that its implementation can be followed up effectively,

Reaffirming also that the revised long-term strategy and plan of action on ageing will contain realistic financial recommendations for implementation,

Aware of the need for the relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to collaborate among themselves to

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.



support and follow up the implementation of the strategy and plan of action to be adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Recognizing the importance of the contributions of the relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to the preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons;¹

2. *Recommends* that the Preparatory Committee give due consideration to the period to be covered by the proposed strategy and plan of action to be adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly before the end of the fifty-sixth session on the full range of tasks of the Unit on Ageing of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, including those that might arise from the implementation of the outcome of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, with a view to ensuring as a matter of urgency that the Unit can fulfil its tasks effectively;

4. *Invites* all relevant agencies and bodies of the United Nations system to better coordinate their response to the global ageing of populations and integrate within their respective mandates their programmes and activities related to the elderly, taking into account the importance of the perspective of the elderly;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the feasibility of developing an international convention/instrument on the elimination of discrimination against older persons and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its the fifty-seventh session;

6. *Invites* Member States, where appropriate, to consider extending the mandate of national committees or other mechanisms established on the occasion of the International Year of Older Persons in order to undertake national preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, and also invites Member States currently without them to consider appropriate ways or mechanisms for their preparations for the Second World Assembly;

7. *Invites* the regional commissions, within their respective mandates, to explore the feasibility of holding regional activities with Member States, non-governmental organizations and other relevant actors of civil society in their region, to participate in and follow up the Second World Assembly on Ageing;

8. *Invites* the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to continue, in cooperation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the host country, the information campaign for the Second World Assembly on Ageing;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

¹ A/56/152.



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Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons:
Second World Assembly on Ageing

Islamic Republic of Iran:* revised draft resolution

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/24 of 10 November 1999 and its resolution 54/262 of 25 May 2000, by which it decided to convene the Second World Assembly on Ageing, to be held in Spain in April 2002, as well as its resolution 55/58 of 4 December 2000 on the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Bearing in mind that, in its resolution 54/262, the General Assembly decided that the Commission for Social Development would serve as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Reiterating that the Second World Assembly on Ageing should give particular attention, inter alia, to linkages between ageing and development, with particular attention to the needs, priorities and perspectives of developing countries,

Reaffirming the necessity of ensuring that the Second World Assembly on Ageing will provide an action-oriented follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons, and recognizing the importance of an adequate preparatory process,

Affirming that the long-term strategy and plan of action to be adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing should be realistic and relevant, so that its implementation can be followed up effectively,

Reaffirming also that the revised long-term strategy and plan of action on ageing, to be adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing, will contain realistic financial recommendations for implementation,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.



Aware of the need for the relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to collaborate among themselves to support and follow up the implementation of the strategy and plan of action to be adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Recognizing the importance of the contributions of the relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to the preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

1. *Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons;*¹

2. *Recommends that the Preparatory Committee give due consideration to the period to be covered by the proposed strategy and plan of action to be adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing;*

3. *Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the full range of tasks of the Unit on Ageing of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, with a view to ensuring as a matter of urgency that the Unit can fulfil its tasks effectively, including those that might arise from the implementation of the outcome of the Second World Assembly on Ageing;*

4. *Invites all relevant agencies and bodies of the United Nations system to better coordinate their response to the global ageing of populations and integrate within their respective mandates their programmes and activities related to the elderly, taking into account the importance of the perspective of older persons;*

5. *Invites the Second World Assembly on Ageing to address, inter alia, the question of abuse and discrimination against older persons;*

6. *Invites Member States, where appropriate, to consider extending the mandate of national committees or other mechanisms established on the occasion of the International Year of Older Persons in order to undertake national preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, and also invites Member States currently without them to consider appropriate ways or mechanisms for their preparations for the Second World Assembly;*

7. *Invites the regional commissions, within their respective mandates, to explore the feasibility of undertaking regional activities with Member States, non-governmental organizations and other relevant actors of civil society in their region, to participate in and follow up the Second World Assembly on Ageing;*

8. *Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.*

¹ A/56/152.



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Barbados, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Gambia, Guatemala, Mali, Mongolia, Namibia, Nigeria, Saint Lucia and United Republic of Tanzania: amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.2

Preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family

1. After the third preambular paragraph, insert the following preambular paragraphs:

"Also recognizing that the family-related provisions of the outcomes of the world conferences of the 1990s continue to provide policy guidance on ways to strengthen family-centred components of policies and programmes as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development,

"Noting with concern the devastating effects of difficult social and economic conditions, armed conflicts, wars, natural disasters, infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria, and of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on family life and stability,

"Emphasizing that equality between women and men and respect for the human rights of all family members is essential to family well-being and to society at large,"

2. After operative paragraph 2, insert the following operative paragraph:

"Encourages the regional commissions, within their respective mandates and resources, to participate in the preparatory process of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and to play an active role in facilitating regional cooperation in this regard;"

3. After operative paragraph 4, insert the following operative paragraph:

"Requests the Secretary-General, in order to facilitate contributions by Governments, to include the United Nations Trust Fund on Family Activities,



on an annual basis, among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;"

4. In operative paragraph 5, after the words "Economic and Social Council", the words "on the preparation for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at all levels" should be replaced by the words "on the implementation of the present resolution, including the description of the state of preparation for the observance of the International Year of the Family at all levels".



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Mongolia, Panama and Thailand: draft resolution

Cooperatives in social development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/90 of 16 December 1992, 49/155 of 23 December 1994, 51/58 of 12 December 1996 and 54/123 of 17 December 1999, in which it requested the Secretary-General to seek views from Governments on the draft guidelines aimed at creating a supportive environment for the development of cooperatives¹ and to provide, if necessary, a revised version for adoption,

Recognizing that cooperatives, in their various forms, are becoming a major factor of economic and social development by promoting the fullest possible participation in the development process of all people, including women, youth, older persons and people with disabilities,

Recognizing also the important contribution and potential of all forms of cooperatives to the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, held at Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, the Fourth World Conference on Women, held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995, the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held at Istanbul, Turkey, from 3 to 14 June 1996, and the World Food Summit, held at Rome from 13 to 17 November 1996, including their five-year reviews,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development;²

¹ A/54/57, annex.

² A/56/73-E/2001/68.



2. *Approves* the revised draft guidelines³ aimed at creating a supportive environment for the development of cooperatives as a set of general principles to be considered by Member States in developing or revising their national policies on cooperatives;

3. *Invites* Governments to keep under review, as appropriate, the legal, judicial and administrative provisions governing the activities of cooperatives with a view to ensuring a supportive environment for them to be on an equal footing with other forms of enterprise and protecting and advancing the potential of cooperatives to help their members achieve individual goals as well as to contribute to society's broader aspirations;

4. *Urges* Governments, relevant international organizations and specialized agencies, in collaboration with national and international cooperative organizations, to give due consideration to the role and contribution of cooperatives in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the World Food Summit, and their five-year reviews, by, inter alia:

(a) Utilizing and developing fully the potential and contribution of cooperatives for the attainment of social development goals, in particular the eradication of poverty, the generation of full and productive employment and the enhancement of social integration;

(b) Encouraging and facilitating the establishment and development of cooperatives, including taking measures aimed at enabling people living in poverty or belonging to vulnerable groups to engage on a voluntary basis in the creation and development of cooperatives;

(c) Taking appropriate measures aimed at creating a supportive and enabling environment for the development of cooperatives by, inter alia, developing an effective partnership between Governments and the cooperative movement;

5. *Invites* Governments, in collaboration with the cooperative movement, to develop programmes to promote and strengthen professional cooperative management and to create or improve statistical databases on the development of cooperatives and on their contribution to national economies;

6. *Invites* Governments, relevant international organizations, specialized agencies and local, national and international cooperative organizations to continue to observe the International Day of Cooperatives annually, on the first Saturday of July, as proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/90;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the relevant United Nations and other international organizations, national, regional and international cooperative organizations, to render support to Member States, as appropriate, in their efforts to create a supportive environment for the development of cooperatives and promote an exchange of experience and best practices, through, inter alia, the organization of conferences, workshops and seminars at the national, subregional and regional levels;

³ Ibid., annex.

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to bring the above-mentioned revised draft guidelines to the attention of all Member States and to prepare, in consultation with Member States and relevant United Nations and other international organizations, a report on the implementation of the present resolution with an emphasis on the role of cooperatives in poverty reduction, and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.



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Burkina Faso, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mongolia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Panama, Philippines and Thailand: draft resolution

Cooperatives in social development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/90 of 16 December 1992, 49/155 of 23 December 1994, 51/58 of 12 December 1996 and 54/123 of 17 December 1999, in which it requested the Secretary-General to seek the views of Governments on the draft guidelines aimed at creating a supportive environment for the development of cooperatives¹ and to provide, if necessary, a revised version for adoption,

Recognizing that cooperatives, in their various forms, promote the fullest possible participation in the economic and social development of all people, including women, youth, older persons and people with disabilities, and are becoming a major factor of economic and social development,

Recognizing also the important contribution and potential of all forms of cooperatives to the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, held at Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, the Fourth World Conference on Women, held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995, the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held at Istanbul, Turkey, from 3 to 14 June 1996 and their five-year reviews, as well as the World Food Summit, held at Rome from 13 to 17 November 1996,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development;²

¹ A/54/57, annex.

² A/56/73-E/2001/68.



2. *Draws* the attention of Member States to the revised draft guidelines³ aimed at creating a supportive environment for the development of cooperatives, to be considered by them in developing or revising their national policies on cooperatives;

3. *Encourages* Governments to keep under review, as appropriate, the legal and administrative provisions governing the activities of cooperatives, with a view to ensuring a supportive environment for them and to protecting and advancing the potential of cooperatives to help them achieve their goals;

4. *Urges* Governments, relevant international organizations and specialized agencies, in collaboration with national and international cooperative organizations, to give due consideration to the role and contribution of cooperatives in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and their five-year reviews, as well as the World Food Summit, by, inter alia:

(a) Utilizing and developing fully the potential and contribution of cooperatives for the attainment of social development goals, in particular the eradication of poverty, the generation of full and productive employment and the enhancement of social integration;

(b) Encouraging and facilitating the establishment and development of cooperatives, including taking measures aimed at enabling people living in poverty or belonging to vulnerable groups to engage on a voluntary basis in the creation and development of cooperatives;

(c) Taking appropriate measures aimed at creating a supportive and enabling environment for the development of cooperatives by, inter alia, developing an effective partnership between Governments and the cooperative movement;

5. *Invites* Governments, in collaboration with the cooperative movement, to develop programmes to promote and strengthen the education of members, the elected leadership and professional cooperative management, where appropriate, and to create or improve statistical databases on the development of cooperatives and on their contribution to national economies;

6. *Invites* Governments, relevant international organizations, specialized agencies and local, national and international cooperative organizations to continue to observe the International Day of Cooperatives annually, on the first Saturday of July, as proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/90;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the relevant United Nations and other international organizations and national, regional and international cooperative organizations, to render support to Member States, as appropriate, in their efforts to create a supportive environment for the development of cooperatives and promote an exchange of experience and best practices, through, inter alia, conferences, workshops and seminars at the national and regional levels;

³ Ibid., annex.

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.



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Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century

The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and reaffirming the obligations contained in relevant human rights instruments, including the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women¹ and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,²

Recalling also its resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,³ 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, 49/153 of 23 December 1994, 50/144 of 21 December 1995, 52/82 of 12 December 1997 and 54/121 of 17 December 1999,

Recalling further all relevant resolutions on the equalization of opportunities and human rights of persons with disabilities of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions,

¹ Resolution 34/180, annex.

² Resolution 44/25, annex.

³ A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).



Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration,⁴ adopted on 8 September 2000 by the heads of State and Government at the Millennium Summit of the United Nations, and recognizing the need to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms of people with disabilities,

Noting with appreciation the actions of Governments to implement relevant sections of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of relevant resolutions that give special attention to accessible environments and information and communication technologies, health, education and social services, employment and sustainable livelihoods, including the relevant activities of intergovernmental as well as non-governmental organizations,

Reaffirming the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and their respective follow-up reviews,

Noting with appreciation the Secretary-General's assessment of the implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities, ensuring their full participation and equality, as well as the measures undertaken by the United Nations system aimed at preventing disabling conditions,⁵

Noting the invitation made to the General Assembly by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 7 September 2001, to consider elaborating an integral and comprehensive international convention to protect and promote the rights and dignity of disabled people, including, in particular, provisions that address the discriminatory practices and treatment affecting them,

Acknowledging the important role of non-governmental organizations in the promotion and protection of the human rights of persons with disabilities, and noting in this regard their work in promoting the elaboration of an international convention on the rights of disabled persons,

Noting with appreciation the valuable work of United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability in supporting the building of national capacities to promote the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in order to create opportunities for sustainable livelihoods by, for and with persons with disabilities,

Also noting with appreciation the important contributions of subregional, regional and international seminars and conferences related to persons with disabilities,

Mindful of the need to adopt and implement effective policies and strategies to promote the rights and the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in economic, social, cultural and political life, on the basis of equality, to achieve a society for all,

Welcoming initiatives to hold international conferences relating to persons with disabilities, including the Sixth World Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International, to be held in Japan in 2002,

⁴ See resolution 55/2.

⁵ See A/56/169, paras. 25 and 26.

Concerned that improvement of disability awareness and sensitivity to disability issues and respect for the human rights of disabled persons have not been significant enough to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities worldwide,

Expressing grave concern that situations of armed conflict continue to have especially devastating consequences for the human rights of persons with disabilities,

Recognizing the importance of timely and reliable data on disability sensitive topics, programme planning and evaluation and the need for further development of practical statistical methodology for the collection and compilation of data on populations with disabilities,

Reiterating that technology, in particular information and communication technology, provides new possibilities for improving accessibility and employment for persons with disabilities and for facilitating their full and effective participation and equality, and welcoming the initiatives of the United Nations in promoting information and communication technology as a means of achieving the universal goal of a society for all,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;⁶

2. *Welcomes* the many initiatives and actions of Governments and relevant United Nations bodies and organizations, including relevant Bretton Woods institutions, as well as non-governmental organizations to enhance the rights of persons with disabilities and the further equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities in all sectors of society;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the valuable work undertaken by the Special Rapporteur for maintaining the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities of the Commission for Social Development under his third mandate for the period 2000-2002, and also notes with appreciation the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in supporting the work of the Special Rapporteur;

4. *Encourages* Governments, intergovernmental as well as non-governmental organizations and the private sector, as appropriate, to continue to take concrete measures to promote the implementation of relevant United Nations resolutions and agreed international standards concerning persons with disabilities, in particular the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, and for the further equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities by focusing on accessibility, health, education, social services, including training and rehabilitation, safety nets, employment and sustainable livelihood, in the design and implementation of strategies, policies and programmes to promote a more inclusive society;

5. *Calls upon* Governments to undertake all necessary measures to advance beyond the adoption of national plans for people with disabilities through, inter alia, the creation or reinforcement of arrangements for the promotion and awareness of disability issues and the allocation of sufficient resources for the full

⁶ A/56/169 and Corr.1.

implementation of existing plans and initiatives, and emphasizes, in this regard, the importance of supporting national efforts through international cooperation;

6. *Encourages* Governments and intergovernmental as well as non-governmental organizations to continue to take practical actions, including public information campaigns, by, for and with persons with disabilities, with a view to increasing disability awareness and sensitivity to disability issues, combating and overcoming discrimination against persons with disabilities and furthering their full and effective participation in society;

7. *Encourages* Governments to continue their support to non-governmental organizations contributing to the fulfilment of the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;

8. *Also encourages* Governments to involve persons with disabilities in the formulation of strategies and plans aimed at eradicating poverty, promoting education and enhancing employment;

9. *Urges* relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, including relevant human rights treaty bodies and the regional commissions, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, to continue to work closely with the programme on disability of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Secretariat in the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities, including activities on the field level, by sharing experiences, findings and recommendations on persons with disabilities;

10. *Urges* Governments to cooperate with the Statistics Division of the Secretariat in the continued development of global statistics and indicators on disability, and encourages them to avail themselves of the technical assistance of the Division to build national capacities for national data collection systems, including the compilation and dissemination of data on disabled persons, as well as the development of methods for data collection and disability statistics, as appropriate;

11. *Urges* Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to provide special protection to girls and women with disabilities, elderly people with disabilities and persons with developmental and psychiatric disabilities, with special emphasis on integrating them into society and protecting and promoting their human rights;

12. *Also urges* Governments, in collaboration with the United Nations system, to give special attention to the rights, needs and well-being of children with disabilities and their families in the development of policies and programmes, including the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;

13. *Encourages* Governments, intergovernmental organizations, concerned non-governmental organizations and the private sector to continue to support the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability with a view to strengthening its capacity to support catalytic and innovative activities to fully implement the World Programme of Action and the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, including the work of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission for Social Development, and to support activities to build national capacities, with emphasis on priorities for action identified in the current resolution;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to support initiatives of relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as those of regional, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, for the promotion of all humans rights of, and non-discrimination against, persons with disabilities and the further implementation of the World Programme of Action as well as their efforts to integrate persons with disabilities in technical cooperation activities, both as beneficiaries and as decision makers;

15. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts in improving the accessibility of the United Nations for persons with disabilities, and urges him to continue to implement plans to provide a barrier-free environment;

16. *Welcomes* preparations proposed by the Secretary-General in his current report for the fourth quinquennial review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action in 2002,⁶ including the proposed framework for that review, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Commission on Social Development and the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session, a report on the findings and recommendations based on this review and appraisal, including a report on implementation of the present resolution.



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**Social development, including questions relating to
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disabled persons and the family**

**Benin, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Panama,
Paraguay, Russian Federation, Thailand, Turkey and United States of America:
draft resolution**

A United Nations literacy decade: education for all

The General Assembly,

Recalling that in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights² and the Convention on the Rights of the Child³ the right of every individual to education is recognized as inalienable,

Recalling also its resolutions 42/104 of 7 December 1987, by which it proclaimed 1990 as International Literacy Year, and 54/122 of 17 December 1999, by which it requested the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and Member States and with other relevant organizations and bodies, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session a proposal for a United Nations literacy decade, with a plan of action and possible time frame for such a decade,

Recalling further the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000⁴ in which Member States resolved to ensure that, by the year 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling and that girls and boys will have equal access to all levels of education, which requires a renewed commitment to promote literacy for all,

¹ Resolution 217 A (III).

² See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

³ Resolution 44/25, annex.

⁴ Resolution 55/2.



Recalling also the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development⁵ and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development⁶ and the outcome document of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world",⁷

Recalling further its resolution 55/94 of 4 December 2000, entitled "United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights",

Reaffirming its resolution 49/184 of 23 December 1994, in which it appealed to all Governments to step up their efforts to eradicate illiteracy and to direct education towards the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Convinced that literacy is the key to learning to learn and one of the most basic learning needs of children, young people and adults and that a meaningful use of literacy for all represents quality education and lifelong learning for all,

Recognizing that illiteracy is intertwined with poverty and social exclusion, while literacy is intertwined with empowerment, democracy and social development,

Welcoming the Dakar Framework for Action, adopted at the World Education Forum in April 2000, in which commitments were made to achieve a 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015 and to improve all aspects of quality education, especially in literacy and essential life skills,

Acknowledging the activities undertaken at national and regional levels for the Education for All 2000 assessment of progress towards achieving the goals of education for all, and stressing further the need to redouble efforts in order to meet the basic needs of people of all age groups, particularly girls and women,

Recognizing that, despite the significant progress in basic education, especially the increase in primary school enrolment coupled with a growing emphasis on the quality of education, major problems, both emerging and continuing, still persist, which require even more forceful and concerted action at the national and international levels so as to achieve the goal of education for all,

Deeply concerned about the persistence of the gender gap in education, which is reflected by the fact that nearly two thirds of the world's adult illiterates are women,

Urging Member States, in close partnership with international organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, to promote the right to education for all and to create conditions for all for learning throughout life,

1. *Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural*

⁵ *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution I, annex I.*

⁶ *Ibid., annex II.*

⁷ *See resolution S-24/2, annex.*

Organization, entitled "Draft proposal and plan for a United Nations literacy decade";⁸

2. *Proclaims* the ten-year period beginning on 1 January 2002 the United Nations Literacy Decade;

3. *Welcomes* the vision for a United Nations Literacy Decade, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,⁹ and invites Governments and the relevant international organizations to submit their comments and proposals with a view to developing a well-targeted and action-oriented plan for the Decade;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to develop an international plan of action for the Decade, taking into account the views expressed by Governments and the relevant international organizations, as requested in paragraph 3 of the present resolution, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

5. *Appeals* to all Governments to reinforce political will and develop more inclusive policy-making environments in which active and wide-ranging participation in literacy promotion can take place, in particular to enhance partnerships, commit resources and devise innovative strategies for reaching the poorest and most marginalized groups, and for seeking alternative school and non-school approaches to learning with a view to achieving the goals of the United Nations Literacy Decade;

6. *Also appeals* to all Governments to redouble their efforts to achieve their own goals of education for all by setting firm targets and timetables, where possible, including gender-specific education targets and programmes to combat the illiteracy of women and girls, and, by working in active partnership with communities, associations, the media and development agencies, to reach those targets;

7. *Urges* all Governments to take the lead in the coordination of the Decade activities at the national level, bringing all relevant national actors together in sustained dialogue in policy formulation, implementation and evaluation of literacy efforts;

8. *Reaffirms* that literacy for all is at the heart of basic education for all and that creating literate environments and societies is essential for achieving the goals of eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy;

9. *Appeals* to all Governments and to economic and financial organizations and institutions, both national and international, to lend greater financial and material support to the efforts to increase literacy and achieve education for all goals, through, inter alia, the 20/20 initiative, as appropriate;

10. *Invites* Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system as well as relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify further their efforts to implement effectively

⁸ A/56/114 and Add.1-E/2001/93 and Add.1.

the World Declaration on Education for All,⁹ the Dakar Framework for Action and the relevant commitments and recommendations to promote literacy made in recent major United Nations conferences and at their five-year reviews with a view to better coordinating their activities and increasing their contribution to development within the framework of the United Nations Literacy Decade;

11. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to take the lead role in coordinating and implementing at the international level the activities envisaged within the framework of the United Nations Literacy Decade;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider, in cooperation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, establishing a voluntary fund for the Decade, with special provision for the support of literacy efforts of developing countries;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States as well as the relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the question entitled "The United Nations Literacy Decade".

⁹ *Final Report of the World Conference on Education for All: Meeting Basic Learning Needs, Jomtien, Thailand, 5-9 March 1990*, Inter-Agency Commission (UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, World Bank) for the World Conference on Education for All, New York, 1990, appendix I.



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Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Algeria, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, China, the Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and United States of America: revised draft resolution

A United Nations literacy decade: education for all

The General Assembly,

Recalling that in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights² and the Convention on the Rights of the Child³ the right of every individual to education is recognized as inalienable,

Recalling also its resolutions 42/104 of 7 December 1987, by which it proclaimed 1990 as International Literacy Year, and 54/122 of 17 December 1999, by which it requested the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and Member States and with other relevant organizations and bodies, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session a proposal for a United Nations literacy decade, with a draft plan of action and possible time frame for such a decade, on the basis of the outcome of the World Education Forum and the special session of the General Assembly on the five-year review of the World Summit for Social Development,

¹ Resolution 217 A (III).

² See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

³ Resolution 44/25, annex.



Reaffirming its resolution 49/184 of 23 December 1994, by which it proclaimed the ten-year period beginning on 1 January 1995 the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education and appealed to all Governments to intensify their efforts to eradicate illiteracy and to direct education towards the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/29 on the right to education,⁴

Also recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000⁵ in which Member States resolved to ensure that, by the year 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling and that girls and boys will have equal access to all levels of education, which requires a renewed commitment to promote literacy for all,

Further recalling the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development⁶ and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development⁷ and the outcome document of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world",⁸

Convinced that literacy is crucial to the acquisition, by every child, youth and adult, of essential life skills that enable them to address the challenges they can face in life, and represents an essential step in basic education, which is an indispensable means for effective participation in the societies and economies of the twenty-first century,

Affirming that the realization of the right to education, especially for girls, contributes to the eradication of poverty,

Acknowledging the activities undertaken at national and regional levels for the Education for All 2000 assessment of progress towards achieving the goals of education for all, and stressing further the need to redouble efforts in order to meet the basic needs of people of all age groups, particularly girls and women,

Recognizing that, despite the significant progress in basic education, especially the increase in primary school enrolment coupled with a growing emphasis on the quality of education, major problems, both emerging and continuing, still persist, which require even more forceful and concerted action at the national and international levels so as to achieve the goal of education for all,

Deeply concerned about the persistence of the gender gap in education, which is reflected by the fact that nearly two thirds of the world's adult illiterates are women,

⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 3 (E/2001/23)*, chap. II, sect. A.

⁵ Resolution 55/2.

⁶ *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution I, annex I.

⁷ *Ibid.*, annex II.

⁸ See resolution S-24/2, annex.

Urging Member States, in close partnership with international organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, to promote the right to education for all and to create conditions for all for learning throughout life,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, entitled "Draft proposal and plan for a United Nations literacy decade";⁹

2. *Proclaims* the ten-year period beginning on 1 January 2003 the United Nations Literacy Decade;

3. *Reaffirms* the Dakar Framework for Action adopted by the World Education Forum in April 2000, in which commitments were made to achieve a 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, and to improve the quality of education;

4. *Appeals* to all Governments to redouble their efforts to achieve their own goals of education for all by developing national education for all plans in accordance with the Dakar Framework, setting firm targets and timetables, including gender-specific education targets and programmes, to eliminate gender disparities at all levels of education, to combat the illiteracy of women and girls, and to ensure that girls and women have full and equal access to education, and by working in active partnership with communities, associations, the media and development agencies to reach those targets;

5. *Also appeals* to all Governments to reinforce political will and develop more inclusive policy-making environments and devise innovative strategies for reaching the poorest and most marginalized groups, and for seeking alternative formal and non-formal approaches to learning with a view to achieving the goals of the United Nations Literacy Decade;

6. *Urges* all Governments to take the lead in the coordination of the Decade activities at the national level, bringing all relevant national actors together in sustained dialogue in policy formulation, implementation and evaluation of literacy efforts;

7. *Reaffirms* that literacy for all is at the heart of basic education for all and that creating literate environments and societies is essential for achieving the goals of eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy;

8. *Appeals* to all Governments and to economic and financial organizations and institutions, both national and international, to lend greater financial and material support to the efforts to increase literacy and achieve the goals of education for all, through, inter alia, the 20/20 initiative, as appropriate;

9. *Invites* Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system as well as relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify further their efforts to implement effectively

⁹ A/56/114 and Add.1-E/2001/93 and Add.1.

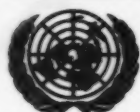
the World Declaration on Education for All,¹⁰ the Dakar Framework for Action and the relevant commitments and recommendations to promote literacy made in recent major United Nations conferences and at their five-year reviews with a view to better coordinating their activities and increasing their contribution to development within the framework of the United Nations Literacy Decade;

10. *Decides* that United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization should take a coordinating role in stimulating and catalysing the activities at the international level within the framework of the United Nations Literacy Decade;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to seek and take into account comments and proposals from Governments and the relevant international organizations on the draft plan for the United Nations Literacy Decade in order to develop and finalize a well targeted and action-oriented plan of action to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the question entitled "The United Nations Literacy Decade".

¹⁰ *Final Report of the World Conference on Education for All: Meeting Basic Learning Needs, Jomtien, Thailand, 5-9 March 1990*, Inter-Agency Commission (UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, World Bank) for the World Conference on Education for All, New York, 1990, appendix I.



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Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe: draft resolution

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Recalling the World Summit for Social Development, held at Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held at Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,



Reaffirming that the Copenhagen Declaration¹ and the Programme of Action² and the further initiatives for social development³ adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session constitute the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration,⁴

Also recalling and reaffirming the commitments made at major United Nations conferences, special sessions, summit conferences and their follow-up processes, and the principles expressed in relevant United Nations declarations,

Further recalling its resolution 55/46 of 29 November 2000, on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the Assembly,

1. *Reaffirms* the commitments made by heads of State and Government at the World Summit for Social Development, contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development¹ and the Programme of Action,² which established a new consensus to place people at the centre of the concerns for sustainable development and pledged to eradicate poverty, promote full and productive employment and foster social integration so as to achieve stable, safe and just societies for all;

2. *Also reaffirms* the decisions on further action and initiatives to accelerate social development for all, adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session and contained in the further initiatives for social development;³

3. *Stresses* the vital importance of placing the goals of social development, as contained in the Copenhagen Declaration and the Programme of Action and in the further initiatives for social development at the centre of economic policy-making, including in policies that influence domestic and global market forces and the global economy;

4. *Encourages* coordinated and mutually reinforcing follow-up to the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action, the further initiatives for social development and the United Nations Millennium Declaration, emphasizing the strong interrelatedness in relation to social development issues;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Social Development, the regional commissions, the relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental forums, within their respective mandates, to take on a priority basis and in a coordinated manner all steps necessary to ensure the effective implementation of all commitments and undertakings contained in the Copenhagen Declaration and the Programme of Action and in the further initiatives for social development, and to continue to be actively involved in their follow-up;

¹ *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.3.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution I, annex I.

² *Ibid.*, annex II.

³ Resolution S-24/2, annex.

⁴ See resolution 55/2.

6. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session calls for the strengthening of cooperation at the regional level through, inter alia, the promotion of dialogue among regional and subregional groups and organizations, encouragement of the implementation of regional social development agendas where they exist, and encouragement of recipient countries, donor Governments and agencies and multilateral financial institutions to take greater account of the regional social development agenda of the regional commissions and of regional and subregional organizations, inter alia, in their funding policies and programmes;

7. *Reaffirms* that a strong political commitment by the international community is needed to implement strengthened and effective international cooperation and assistance for development, including social development, that the mobilization of domestic and international resources for development from all sources is an essential component of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action and of the further initiatives for social development;

8. *Welcomes* the convening of the International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held at Monterrey, Mexico from 18 to 22 March 2002, which will consider the mobilization of national and international resources for social development, and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to be held at Johannesburg, South Africa, from 2 to 11 September 2002, and encourages their preparatory committees and other relevant intergovernmental bodies involved in the preparations for and follow-up to those conferences to give consideration to the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session;

9. *Reaffirms* that the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the relevant special session will be undertaken on the basis of an integrated approach to social development and within the framework of a coordinated follow-up to major international conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields and, in this regard, takes note of Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/21 of 26 July 2001, on integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits;

10. *Also reaffirms* the need for effective partnership and cooperation between Governments and the relevant actors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, in the implementation of and follow-up to the Copenhagen Declaration and the Programme of Action and the further initiatives for social development, and the need for ensuring their involvement in the planning, elaboration, implementation and evaluation of social policies at the national level;

11. *Further reaffirms* that the Commission for Social Development, as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council, will continue to have the primary responsibility for the follow-up to and review of the further implementation of the commitments made at Copenhagen and the outcome of the special session;

12. *Invites* Governments to support the work of the Commission for Social Development, inter alia, through the participation of high-level representatives on social development issues and policies, and to continue to assess on a regular basis the progress made at the national level towards the implementation of the outcome

of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session, and to submit such information on a voluntary basis to the Commission;

13. *Takes into account* that the Commission for Social Development at its fortieth session, in 2002, will consider the priority theme, "Integration of social and economic policy", and emphasizes the importance of the active participation in and contribution to the work of the Commission by the relevant funds and programmes as well as the specialized agencies of the United Nations system;

14. *Takes note* of the *Report on the World Social Situation, 2001*,⁵ and requests the Secretary-General to submit future reports on a biennial basis;

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;⁶

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session an item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on this question.

⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.01.IV.5.

⁶ A/56/140.



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Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Andorra, Angola, Belgium, Cape Verde, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Guinea, Ireland, Luxembourg, Mexico, Norway, Panama, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Spain, Turkey and Venezuela: draft resolution

Policies and programmes involving youth

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, annexed thereto, as an integral part of that resolution,

Recalling also its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, by which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and 40/14 of 18 November 1985, entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", by which it endorsed the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth as contained in the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year on its fourth session, held in Vienna from 25 March to 3 April 1985,¹

Recalling its resolution 54/120 of 17 December 1999, in which the Assembly took note with appreciation of the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes, adopted at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in 1998,²

Welcoming the adoption of the Dakar Framework for Action, Education for All at the World Education Forum, which was held in Dakar from 26 to 28 April 2000,

¹ A/40/256, annex.

² See WCMRY/1998/28, chap. I, resolution I.



Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted by the heads of State and Government,³ and recognizing that the Declaration includes important goals and targets pertaining to youth,

Also recalling and reaffirming the commitments made at the major United Nations conferences and summits since 1990 and their follow-up processes,

Recalling that, in the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, the World Youth Forum of the United Nations system was invited to contribute to the implementation of the Programme of Action through the identification and promotion of joint initiatives to further its objectives so that they could better reflect the interests of youth,

Welcoming the support of the Government of Senegal for the holding of the fourth session of the World Youth Forum at Dakar from 6 to 10 August 2001,

Recognizing that a central challenge of globalization is to ensure that it becomes a positive force for all the world's people, including youth, for, while globalization offers great opportunities, at present its benefits are very unevenly shared and its costs unevenly distributed,

Acknowledging that poverty, among other factors, represents a serious challenge to the full and effective participation and contribution of young people to society,

Recognizing that global cross-sectoral youth policies should take into consideration the empowerment and full and effective participation of young people, their role as a resource and as independent decision-makers in all sectors of society,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;⁴

2. *Calls upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to make every possible effort towards the implementation of the Programme of Action, aiming at cross-sectoral youth policies by integrating a youth perspective into all relevant planning and decision-making processes;

3. *Also calls upon* all parties concerned, as mentioned in paragraph 2 above, within the framework of the World Programme of Action, to consider the appropriate ways and means to provide follow-up to the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes, adopted at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth;²

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the work by the regional commissions to implement the World Programme of Action and to follow up the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in their respective regions, in coordination with regional meetings of ministers responsible for youth and regional non-governmental youth organizations, and to provide advisory services to support national youth policies and programmes in each region, and encourages them to continue to do so;

³ Resolution 55/2.

⁴ A/56/180.

5. *Invites* all relevant programmes and funds, the specialized agencies and other bodies within the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and regional financial institutions to give greater support to national youth policies and programmes within their country programmes as a way to follow up the World Conference;

6. *Calls upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in particular youth organizations, to exchange knowledge and expertise on youth-related issues, upon setting up the ways and means to do so;

7. *Welcomes* the public information activities organized by the Secretariat for International Youth Day, 12 August, as a way to promote better awareness, especially among youth, of the Programme of Action;

8. *Recognizes* that information and communication technology plays a crucial role as a potential means of promoting participation, access to information and education and networking possibilities for young people;

9. *Welcomes* the fact that the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on children will also discuss issues relevant to youth;

10. *Takes note* of the Dakar Youth Empowerment Strategy, adopted by the fourth session of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations system, held in Dakar from 6 to 10 August 2001, and expresses its appreciation to the Government of Senegal for its support;

11. *Recommends* that future World Youth Forums be organized under the aegis of the United Nations, integrating an active involvement of youth organizations and young people into all planning and decision-making processes, following a thorough review of its structure, organization and processes;

12. *Recognizes* the importance of the full and effective participation of youth and youth organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels in promoting and implementing the World Programme of Action and in evaluating the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in its implementation and of the need to support the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations, bearing in mind that young people are active agents for positive change and development in society ;

13. *Takes note* of the fact that the empowerment of youth has been identified as a priority issue for the twenty-first century in the report of the Secretary-General and in the Dakar Youth Empowerment Strategy, and recognizes the importance of empowerment of youth through building the capacity of young people to achieve greater independence and overcome constraints to their participation and providing opportunities to make decisions that affect their life and well-being;

14. *Reaffirms* the decision of the heads of State and Government, as contained in the Millennium Declaration, to develop and implement strategies that give young people everywhere a real chance to find decent and productive work, and, in this context, welcomes the initiative of the Secretary-General in creating a Youth Employment Network, and invites the Secretary-General to continue with these initiatives;

15. *Expresses deep concern* over the fact that currently approximately half of new human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infections are in youth aged 15 to 24 and that no fewer than 6,500 young people are infected by the virus each day, and reiterates the need to achieve the goals and commitments contained in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS adopted at the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS held at Headquarters from 25 to 27 June 2001;⁵

16. *Reaffirms* the importance of schooling and education, in particular for girls and young women, and recognizes the value of all forms of life-long learning, including formal education and training and non-formal education;

17. *Calls upon* Member States, all United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations to continue to implement fully the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, endorsed in its resolution 40/14, and the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, which the Assembly adopted by its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17, and in particular to facilitate, in accordance with these resolutions, the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations;

18. *Takes note with appreciation* of the important role of the United Nations Youth Fund in the implementation of agreed programmes and mandates on youth, including the provision of support for youth activities promoting South-South cooperation, and support for the participation of young delegates from the least-developed countries at the fourth session of the World Youth Forum;

19. *Invites* all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the Fund, and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate actions to encourage contributions;

20. *Reiterates* the call made in the World Programme of Action to Member States to consider including youth representatives in their delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings, thus broadening the channels of communication and enhancing the discussion of youth-related issues, and requests the Secretary-General to convey this invitation again to Member States;

21. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/7 of 24 July 2001, in which the Council decided that the Commission for Social Development will review the relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups and the global situation of youth in 2003, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to present a comprehensive report on this issue, with concrete and action oriented recommendations, to the Commission at its forty-first session, bearing in mind the need to Member States to develop more holistic and cross-sectoral youth policies and the need to enhance, inter alia, the channels of communication between the United Nations system and youth and youth organizations;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution, in particular on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action.

⁵ Resolution S-26/2, annex.



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Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

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Policies and programmes involving youth

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, annexed thereto, as an integral part of that resolution,

Recalling also its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, by which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and 40/14 of 18 November 1985, entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", by which it endorsed the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth as contained in the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year on its fourth session, held in Vienna from 25 March to 3 April 1985,¹

Recalling its resolution 54/120 of 17 December 1999, in which the Assembly took note with appreciation of the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes, adopted at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in 1998,²

¹ A/40/256, annex.

² See WCMRY/1998/28, chap. I, resolution I.



Welcoming the adoption of the Dakar Framework for Action, Education for All at the World Education Forum, which was held in Dakar from 26 to 28 April 2000,³

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted by the heads of State and Government,⁴ and recognizing that the Declaration includes important goals and targets pertaining to youth,

Also recalling and reaffirming the commitments made at the major United Nations conferences and summits since 1990 and their follow-up processes,

Noting in particular that, in the Programme of Action, regional and interregional conferences of ministers responsible for youth affairs in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Western Asia were invited to intensify their cooperation and to consider meeting regularly at the international level under the aegis of the United Nations to provide an effective forum for a focused global dialogue on youth-related issues,

Recalling that, in the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, the World Youth Forum of the United Nations system was invited to contribute to the implementation of the Programme of Action through the identification and promotion of joint initiatives to further its objectives so that they could better reflect the interests of youth,

Welcoming the support of the Government of Senegal for the holding of the fourth session of the Youth Forum at Dakar from 6 to 10 August 2001,

Acknowledging that poverty, among other factors, represents a serious challenge to the full and effective participation and contribution of young people to society,

Recognizing that global cross-sectoral youth policies should take into consideration the empowerment and full and effective participation of young people, their role as a resource and as independent decision-makers in all sectors of society,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;⁵

2. *Calls upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to make every possible effort towards the implementation of the Programme of Action, aiming at cross-sectoral youth policies by integrating a youth perspective into all planning and decision-making processes relevant to youth;

3. *Also calls upon* all parties concerned, as mentioned in paragraph 2 above, within the framework of the Word Programme of Action, to consider the appropriate ways and means to provide follow-up to the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes, adopted at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth;²

³ See *Final Report of the World Education Forum, Dakar, Senegal, 26-28 April 2000*, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris, 2000.

⁴ Resolution 55/2.

⁵ A/56/180.

4. *Takes note with appreciation of the work by the regional commissions to implement the World Programme of Action and to follow up the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in their respective regions, in coordination with regional meetings of ministers responsible for youth and regional non-governmental youth organizations, and to provide advisory services to support national youth policies and programmes in each region, and encourages them to continue to do so;*

5. *Invites all relevant programmes and funds, the specialized agencies and other bodies within the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and regional financial institutions to give greater support to national youth policies and programmes within their country programmes as a way to follow up the World Conference;*

6. *Calls upon all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in particular youth organizations, to exchange knowledge and expertise on youth-related issues, upon setting up the ways and means to do so;*

7. *Welcomes the public information activities organized by the Secretariat for International Youth Day, 12 August, as a way to promote better awareness, especially among youth, of the Programme of Action;*

8. *Recognizes that information and communication technology plays a crucial role as a potential means of promoting participation, access to information and education and networking possibilities for young people;*

9. *Welcomes the fact that the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on children will also discuss issues relevant to youth;*

10. *Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Senegal for its support to the fourth session of the Youth Forum of the United Nations system, held in Dakar from 6 to 10 August 2001, where, once again, youth delegates had the opportunity to meet and debate strategies related to them;*

11. *Affirms that the future sessions of the Youth Forum of the United Nations system will integrate an active and representative involvement of youth organizations and young people into all planning, reviewing and decision-making processes, and invites the Secretary-General to conduct a thorough review of and provide recommendations on the Forum's structure, organization, participation, including to ensure that it is fully representative of all geographical regions and of a diversity of views, and processes, taking into account the views of Member States and youth organizations, and, in this context, to include this matter in his report to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-first session;*

12. *Recognizes the importance of the full and effective participation of youth and youth organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels in promoting and implementing the World Programme of Action and in evaluating the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in its implementation and of the need to support the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations, bearing in mind that young people are active agents for positive change and development in society;*

13. *Also recognizes the great importance of the empowerment of youth through building the capacity of young people to achieve greater independence,*

overcoming constraints to their participation and providing them with opportunities to make decisions that affect their life and well-being;

14. *Reaffirms* the decision of the heads of State and Government, as contained in the Millennium Declaration, to develop and implement strategies that give young people everywhere a real chance to find decent and productive work, welcomes, in this context, the initiative of the Secretary-General to create a Youth Employment Network, and invites the Secretary-General to continue with these initiatives;

15. *Expresses deep concern* over the fact that currently approximately half of new human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infections are in youth aged 15 to 24 and that no fewer than 6,500 young people are infected by the virus each day, and reiterates the need to achieve the goals and commitments contained in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS adopted at the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS held at Headquarters from 25 to 27 June 2001;⁶

16. *Reaffirms* the importance of schooling and education, in particular for girls and young women, and recognizes the value of all forms of life-long learning, including formal education and training and non-formal education;

17. *Calls upon* Member States, all United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations to continue to implement fully the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, endorsed in its resolution 40/14, and the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, which the Assembly adopted by its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17, and in particular to facilitate, in accordance with these resolutions, the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations;

18. *Takes note with appreciation* of the important role of the United Nations Youth Fund in the implementation of agreed programmes and mandates on youth, including the provision of support for youth activities promoting South-South cooperation, and support for the participation of young delegates from the least-developed countries at the fourth session of the World Youth Forum;

19. *Invites* all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the Fund, and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate actions to encourage contributions;

20. *Reiterates* the call made in the World Programme of Action to Member States to consider including youth representatives in their delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings, thus broadening the channels of communication and enhancing the discussion of youth-related issues, and requests the Secretary-General to convey this invitation again to Member States;

21. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/7 of 24 July 2001, in which the Council decided that the Commission for Social Development will review the relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups and the global situation of youth in 2003, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to present a comprehensive report on this issue, with concrete and action oriented recommendations, to the Commission at its forty-first session, bearing in mind the need to Member States to develop more

⁶ Resolution S-26/2, annex.

holistic and cross-sectoral youth policies and the need to enhance, inter alia, the channels of communication between the United Nations system and youth and youth organizations;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution, in particular on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action.



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Policies and programmes involving youth

The General Assembly,

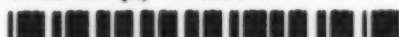
Recalling its resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, annexed thereto, as an integral part of that resolution,

Recalling also its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, by which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and 40/14 of 18 November 1985, entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", by which it endorsed the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth as contained in the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year on its fourth session, held in Vienna from 25 March to 3 April 1985,¹

Recalling its resolution 54/120 of 17 December 1999, in which the Assembly took note with appreciation of the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and

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¹ A/40/256, annex.



Programmes, adopted at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in 1998,²

Welcoming the adoption of the Dakar Framework for Action, Education for All at the World Education Forum, which was held in Dakar from 26 to 28 April 2000,³

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted by the heads of State and Government,⁴ and recognizing that the Declaration includes important goals and targets pertaining to youth,

Also recalling and reaffirming the commitments made at the major United Nations conferences and summits since 1990 and their follow-up processes,

Noting in particular that, in the Programme of Action, regional and interregional conferences of ministers responsible for youth affairs in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Western Asia were invited to intensify their cooperation and to consider meeting regularly at the international level under the aegis of the United Nations to provide an effective forum for a focused global dialogue on youth-related issues,

Recalling that, in the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, the World Youth Forum of the United Nations system was invited to contribute to the implementation of the Programme of Action through the identification and promotion of joint initiatives to further its objectives so that they could better reflect the interests of youth,

Welcoming the support of the Government of Senegal for the holding of the fourth session of the Youth Forum at Dakar from 6 to 10 August 2001,

Acknowledging that poverty, among other factors, represents a serious challenge to the full and effective participation and contribution of young people to society,

Recognizing that global cross-sectoral youth policies should take into consideration the empowerment and full and effective participation of young people, their role as a resource and as independent decision-makers in all sectors of society,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;⁵

2. *Calls upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to make every possible effort towards the implementation of the Programme of Action, aiming at cross-sectoral youth policies by integrating a youth perspective into all planning and decision-making processes relevant to youth;

3. *Also calls upon* all parties concerned, as mentioned in paragraph 2 above, within the framework of the Word Programme of Action, to consider the appropriate

² See WCMRY/1998/28, chap. I, resolution 1.

³ See *Final Report of the World Education Forum, Dakar, Senegal, 26-28 April 2000*, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris, 2000.

⁴ Resolution 55/2.

⁵ A/56/180.

ways and means to provide follow-up to the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes, adopted at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth;²

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the work by the regional commissions to implement the World Programme of Action and to follow up the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in their respective regions, in coordination with regional meetings of ministers responsible for youth and regional non-governmental youth organizations, and to provide advisory services to support national youth policies and programmes in each region, and encourages them to continue to do so;

5. *Invites* all relevant programmes and funds, the specialized agencies and other bodies within the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and regional financial institutions to give greater support to national youth policies and programmes within their country programmes as a way to follow up the World Conference;

6. *Calls upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in particular youth organizations, to exchange knowledge and expertise on youth-related issues, upon setting up the ways and means to do so;

7. *Welcomes* the public information activities organized by the Secretariat for International Youth Day, 12 August, as a way to promote better awareness, especially among youth, of the Programme of Action;

8. *Recognizes* that information and communication technology plays a crucial role as a potential means of promoting participation, access to information and education and networking possibilities for young people;

9. *Welcomes* the fact that the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on children will also discuss issues relevant to youth;

10. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Senegal for its support to the fourth session of the Youth Forum of the United Nations system, held in Dakar from 6 to 10 August 2001, where, once again, youth delegates had the opportunity to meet and debate strategies related to them;

11. *Affirms* that the future sessions of the Youth Forum of the United Nations system will integrate an active and representative involvement of youth organizations and young people into all planning, reviewing and decision-making processes, and invites the Secretary-General to conduct a thorough review of and provide recommendations on the Forum's structure, organization, participation, including to ensure that it is fully representative of all geographical regions and of a diversity of views, and processes, taking into account the views of Member States and youth organizations, and, in this context, to include this matter in his report to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-first session;

12. *Recognizes* the importance of the full and effective participation of youth and youth organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels in promoting and implementing the World Programme of Action and in evaluating the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in its implementation and of the need to support the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth

and youth organizations, bearing in mind that young people are active agents for positive change and development in society;

13. *Also recognizes* the great importance of the empowerment of youth through building the capacity of young people to achieve greater independence, overcoming constraints to their participation and providing them with opportunities to make decisions that affect their life and well-being;

14. *Reaffirms* the decision of the heads of State and Government, as contained in the Millennium Declaration, to develop and implement strategies that give young people everywhere a real chance to find decent and productive work, welcomes, in this context, the Secretary-General's initiative to create a Youth Employment Network, and invites the Secretary-General to continue with these initiatives;

15. *Expresses deep concern* over the fact that currently approximately half of new human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infections are in youth aged 15 to 24 and that no fewer than 6,500 young people are infected by the virus each day, and reiterates the need to achieve the goals and commitments contained in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS adopted at the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS held at Headquarters from 25 to 27 June 2001;⁶

16. *Reaffirms* the importance of schooling and education, in particular for girls and young women, and recognizes the value of all forms of life-long learning, including formal education and training and non-formal education;

17. *Calls upon* Member States, all United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations to continue to implement fully the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, endorsed in its resolution 40/14, and the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, which the Assembly adopted by its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17, and in particular to facilitate, in accordance with these resolutions, the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations;

18. *Takes note with appreciation* of the important role of the United Nations Youth Fund in the implementation of agreed programmes and mandates on youth, including the provision of support for youth activities promoting South-South cooperation, and support for the participation of young delegates from the least-developed countries at the fourth session of the World Youth Forum;

19. *Invites* all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the Fund, and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate actions to encourage contributions;

20. *Reiterates* the call made in the World Programme of Action to Member States to consider including youth representatives in their delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings, thus broadening the channels of communication and enhancing the discussion of youth-related issues, and requests the Secretary-General to convey this invitation again to Member States;

21. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/7 of 24 July 2001, in which the Council decided that the Commission for Social Development

⁶ Resolution S-26/2, annex.

will review the relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups and the global situation of youth in 2003, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to present a comprehensive report on this issue, with concrete and action oriented recommendations, to the Commission at its forty-first session, bearing in mind the need to Member States to develop more holistic and cross-sectoral youth policies and the need to enhance, inter alia, the channels of communication between the United Nations system and youth and youth organizations;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution, in particular on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action.



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Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons:

Second World Assembly on Ageing

Arrangements regarding participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing

Note by the Secretariat

By its decision 2001/237, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

"Arrangements regarding participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing

"The General Assembly decides:

(a) That representatives from non-governmental organizations accredited to the Second World Assembly on Ageing can make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole;

(b) That, given the available time, a limited number of accredited non-governmental organizations may also make statements in the plenary of the Second World Assembly, and that non-governmental organizations should be requested to select their spokespersons among themselves and provide the list thereof to the President of the Second World Assembly, who will present the list of selected non-governmental organizations to Member States in a timely manner for approval, and to ensure that such selection is made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation and diversity of non-governmental organizations;

(c) That side events of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, such as panels and round tables, will be held in order to allow Member States, observers, accredited non-governmental organizations and representatives of research institutions and the private sector to engage in an interactive dialogue; and that the Chair of the side events may make a statement in the plenary, and may submit to the President of the Second World Assembly a summary of the discussions for the widest possible dissemination;

(d) That the above arrangements will in no way create a precedent for any future World Assembly on Ageing."